(b) what are the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that this delay adversely affects the efforts to bring more hectares of land under irrigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) At present, there is no proposal to convene a meeting at Chief Ministers' level.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Denial of promotions to Assistant Commissioner in KVS

1188. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government employees can be deprived of promotion on the ground that Departmental Promotion Committee could not meet for the whole of the year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for which some Assistant Commissioners of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan were not granted promotions on this count?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Departmental Promotion Committees (DPC) should be convened at regular annual intervals to draw up panels for promotion for vacancies occuring during the course of a year. Regular promotions to higher posts are made only after the panels drawn by the Departmental Promotion Committees are approved by the appointing authorities. The existing instructions in the matter lay adequate emphahise on the timely holding of the DPC. Instructions have also been issued to the effect that in the event of bunching of yacancies of selection posts pertaining to more than a year due to non-holding of DPCs in particular year(s), year-wise panels should be drawn up so that officers promoted against vacancies relating to previous year(s) are placed senior to those promoted against vacancies in subsequent years.

(c) A post of Deputy Commissioner (Training) to which Assistant Commissioners of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan are eligible for promotion fell vacant on 1-6-1988. The Departmental Promotion Committee will meet shortly to give its recommendations in this regard.

Visit of Prime Minister to China

1189. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any date has been fixed or being fixed for the visit of the Prime Minister to China; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) the number of official or non-official delegations from both India and China visiting each others country during the last 2 years; and

(c) what was the impressions or conclusions conveyed by Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister of West Bengal with regard to his visit to China, when he met Prime Minister recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A statement comprising lists of delegations to and from China in 1987

and 1988, either sponsored by Government, or of which Government are aware, is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 45].

(c) These are confidential and cannot be divulged in the public interest.

Delimitation of Constituencies

1190. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delimitation of Lok Sabha/Vidhan Sabha constituencies is long overdue; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard so that the delimitation is completed before the next general elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir. As per the existing constitutional provisions, delimitation of the existing Lok Sabha/ Vidhan Sabha constituencies is not necessary until the figures for the first census taken after 2000 AD have been published.

(b) Does not arise.

Electoral reforms

1191. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of recommendations made by the Election Commission regarding Electoral reforms which are pending with Government for decision; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to expedite the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) These recommendations are as under:—

(i) Introduction of electronic voting machine.

(ii) Elimination of non-serious candidates.

(iii) Ban on contesting elections from more than two constituencies.

(iv) Disqualification of persons with criminal record.

(v) Measures to check disturbances at election meetings.

(vi) Measures to eliminate fraudulent filing of nomination papers.

(vii) Measures to check booth capturing.

(viii) Delimitation of constituencies, including rotation of reserved seats.

(ix) Statutory definition of political parties.

(x) Issue of multi-purpose photo identity card to voters.

(xi) Government bearing the election expenses of all the candidates.

(xii) Official machinery for the prepartion of electoral rolls and conduct of elections.

(xiii) Work relating to keeping the electoral rolls upto date.

(xiv) Effecting link between the voter and the electoral machinery at the polling station level.

(xv) Election Commission as a multi-member body.

(b) The proposals are under active consideration of the Government and they are likely to be finalised early.